

ASHBOURNE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year Ended 31st December, 1940.

To the CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
ASHBOURNE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health, sanitary circumstances, vital statistics and various activities of the Health Department of your District for the year 1940.

As instructed by the Ministry of Health in Circular 2314, the report is prepared on the lines indicated in circular 2067, and must only be considered as an Interim Report. It only deals with essential and urgent matters which have affected the Public Health during the year.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area, 86,188 Acres.

Population :—Estimated by the Registrar-General (mid-year 1940), 11,500.

Estimated number of inhabited houses according to the rate book, 3,065.

Rateable Value, £41,535.

Product of Penny Rate, £180.

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

BIRTHS.—Live Births	Total	Male	Female	Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population
Legitimate	155	81	74	
Illegitimate	5	—	5	
	160	81	79	13·9

The birth rate for the whole country being 14·6

Still Births.	Legitimate	5	2	3	
	Illegitimate	2	—	2	
		7	2	5	·60

Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population
11·57

DEATHS.	133	70	63
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The death rate for the whole country being 14·3.

Natural increase of population (excess of births over deaths), 27.

Number of persons dying in, or in consequence of childbirth :—

From Puerperal Sepsis	...	0
From other maternal causes	...	1

INFANT MORTALITY. Deaths of Infants under one year of age :—

	Total	Male	Female	Infant Mortality Rates. Deaths of Infants under one year per 1,000 births
Legitimate	5	2	3	
Illegitimate	—	—	—	
	5	2	3	41·25

DEATHS FROM CERTAIN SELECTED CAUSES : —

	Total	Male	Female
Cancer (all ages)	11	7	4
Measles „	0	0	0
Heart Disease	30	14	16
Whooping Cough	2	1	1
Influenza	7	4	3

There have been epidemics of Whooping Cough and Measles in the district during the year.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE YEAR.

There have been no new developments or changes in the following services during the year :—
Laboratory facilities, Ambulance facilities, Nursing in the Home, Treatment Centres, Clinics and Hospitals.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

HARTINGTON WATER SCHEME. There have been 8 new Service connections on the above Scheme. The Council have had under consideration a scheme for the removal of the iron from the water, but owing to the present emergency, the scheme has been deferred.

BRADLEY, ETC., WATER SCHEME. The automatic electric water scheme to supply the parishes of Atlow, Bradbourne, Bradley, Brassington, Hognaston, Hulland, Hulland Ward and Parwich from boreholes at Bradley, was completed and put into operation in June.

By the end of the year, 255 Service Connections had been made to the mains.

KIRK IRETON WATER SCHEME. The water mains on the above scheme were found to be practically choked with iron deposit from the water. This has necessitated their having to be scraped and re-lined with bitumen.

DOVERIDGE WATER SCHEME. One new connection has been made to the mains during the year.

The Uttoxeter Urban District Council have arranged to chlorinate this supply at the source at Somersal Herbert.


SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

No new works of sewerage or sewage disposal have been carried out during the year.

Inspections have been carried out and all nuisances and housing defects brought to the notice of the officers have been dealt with, and for the purpose 303 inspections have been made.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Regular and systematic inspection of all butchers' shops and bakehouses have been made.



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PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The particulars of the incidence of notifiable diseases (other than tuberculosis) in the area during the year are set out in the following tables :—

Disease				Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital	Total deaths
Smallpox	...	...	...	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	17	17	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	3	3	0
Enteric Fever (including paratyphoid)				0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	0	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	21	0	3
Erysipelas	...	...	...	5	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	58	1	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	137	0	2

TUBERCULOSIS.

It has not been necessary to take any action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1940.

Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Deaths
1 male, aged 28	1 Female, aged 65	1 Male and 1 Female
1 male, aged 40	1 Female, aged 7	from non-pulmonary
	1 Male, aged 10	tuberculosis

I have the honour to be,

Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H. H. HOLLICK.

Medical Officer of Health.

September, 1941.

